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SERIAL NO.: 10/673,944 GROUP: 2839
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FOR: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR IMPROVING BOTH FUNCTIONS OF
MAGNETIC SHIELDING AND GROUND CONNECTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants have advised their agent that the European Patent issued a communication dated March 9, 2004, in which the following references were cited as "technical background:"

U. S. patents Nos. 6,045,380, 6,217,386, 6,464,515 and 6,551,139 as well as European patent application No. 514,055.

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the disclosure information statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to consider this information disclosure statement and request the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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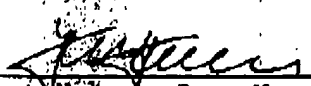
At the same time, applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 5, 2004, as attested by the attached copy of the stamped postcard receipt, and request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to applicants' letter requesting acknowledgment that certified copies of the priority applications were filed, as attested by a copy of the stamped acknowledgment postcard dated March 11, 2004 and the stamped postcard dated September 29, 2003.

Since payment of the final fee is due by June 11, 2004, timely acknowledgment is respectfully solicited so that applicants may pay the final fee in the knowledge that the matter of the priority claim has been confirmed and the information disclosure statements have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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